

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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On May 3, 2006, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed landmark legislation requiring dogs in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County with reasonable exemptions for competition dogs, service dogs, law enforcement dogs, and dogs with medical deferments to be spayed or neutered and have a microchip implanted. This proactive measure will reduce public safety threats from stray dogs, as well as, reduce the number of dogs euthanized in County shelters each year. It also is being reviewed for adoption in many other local government jurisdictions.

The County of Los Angeles' Department of Animal Care and Control began providing free microchips and enforcement of this ordinance for all dogs impounded into County shelters on June 3, 2006. Over 12,000 microchips have been implanted to date. The Department also implemented a 90-day grace period to give dog owners whose dogs were not impounded by the Department time to comply with the new ordinance. However, due to the high demand for spay/neuter and microchip services, a number of County dog owners may not be able to achieve compliance by the end of this grace period.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control to extend the grace period by six months in order to give dog owners whose dogs are not impounded by the Department greater opportunity to achieve compliance with this ordinance. In addition, the Department is also directed to enhance their community outreach on services available to the community concerning this new ordinance, and report back to this Board within 30 days on the measures taken to accomplish this.

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